

Tunbury Hall Annual Report

After the end of the Covid restrictions, usage has got back to what it was before with the various clubs using all the weekday evening availabilities along with the Bluebell School of Dance. Daytime usage continues to be by the Catkins Pre-School which is the largest source of income. Casual party bookings at weekend have resumed except for first thing Sunday mornings when there is a yoga class. We have resumed asking for a £20 non-refundable booking deposit for casual bookings.

For the year October 1st 2020 to September 30th 2021, Income as reported to the Charities Commission was £9,681.78 and expenditure was £20,449.28 but the apparent loss occurred because £12,634.68 was spent on replacing the toilet and entrance hall floors, in order to make them hygienic, which was largely paid for by a £10,000 grant obtained through TMBC for “Loss of business” through Covid the previous year.

Finances have been further helped by obtaining a £2,179.83 refund from Scottish Power for overcharging our direct debit payments for electricity, and volunteers such as Len Horn who have done much of the maintenance work voluntarily and free of charge. Charges for using the hall have not been increased for some years and the Committee sees no reason to increase them in the immediate future although this could change if inflation gets worse.

What we do need, however is additional volunteer support since we have no chair, no caretaker, and now, no secretary.

Tom Shelley, treasurer and Aylesford Parish Council Representative